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121.3 22M 1. The Volksrat's Committee on the Peace Settlement has the task of preparing a draft for the peace treaty between the Allies and Germany, apparently on orders from Russian authorities. Six sub-committees have been appointed, and the work has been parceled out among them; but they are composed mainly of representatives of the "macs organizations", who have little knowledge of the topics they are supposed to study. Consequently, Bernhard von Mutius has been commissioned to collect materials for this work, and Mutius in turn is trying to locate experts in international law and related fields to whom he can assign the different questions which are of interest. As yet he has found only two persons, Prof. P. A. Steiniger and a professor from Leipzig, who are willing to assist in the project.

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 Comment: The business of the Secretariat of the Volksrat is managed by Mutius and one Otto. Each of the political parties was expected to appoint one person for this function; however, there is no representative of the LDP. Otto represents the SED; he is a pro-war Communist (about thirty-eight years old) who was drafted into the German Army, taken prisoner by the British, and released late in 1947. Mutius was supposed to represent the CDU, but he has recently stated that he is joining the SED.)

2. Attempts have been made to recruit ex-Ambassador Rudolf Nadolny for the work of the Committee on the Peace Settlement. In April Nadolny prepared an "Arbeitsplan" outlining the purposes of the committee and proposing subjects for study and methods of organization. Wilhelm Pieck, however, vetoed the suggestion that use be made of Nadolny and his Arbeitsplan. A few days later an almost identical Arbeitsplan was presented to the committee (perhaps by Mutius), and was unanimously adopted, 29 April 1948. ([REDACTED] Current: For details of the Pieck-Nadolny conversation on the Peace Settlement committee, [REDACTED])
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 3. When the committee has completed its draft for the peace treaty, the draft is to be submitted to "German political leaders". It is anticipated that a treaty with the Soviet Union will then be quickly completed, and that the western Allies will be put in a false position if they refuse to add their signatures. In this connection it is also planned to create an Eastern zone government "with a government in exile for the West".

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